

The tale of the 'Squinty Seat'

For the poor folks of Sandy Lane it has always been a long and arduous slog up the hill to Allerton. Then, last year, two benches were installed to give respite to the weary. Alas, the seat near the top of the hill was installed so that it sloped downwards and the poor people, having reached this height and sitting down for a moments respite, found themselves sliding back down again along with their flasks and sandwiches. The seat earned itself the name 'The Squinty Seat'. It was a lonely and sad looking seat. Then one day, as if by magic, the seat fairies (actually three burly blokes in a wagon) arrived and built a nice platform for the seat (evidence provided in picture below!) so that in future the folks of Sandy Lane can be 'on the level' as they sit and look at the wonderful view out over Ilkley Moor. Thanks to the Parish Council for waving their wand and sorting this magical fairy story out for us.

On a more serious note, the Police have now stopped sending out detailed reports of all the crimes committed in our area. Their excuse is that it will frighten residents – which of course is nonsense. As a Neighbourhood Watch we need to know exactly what is going on in our area so that we can make our residents aware of what to look out for. This issue received a good deal of press coverage in the Telegraph and Argus and local Councillors and MPs all voiced their opinions that the new system was inadequate. We really need to know what is happening but it seems that the Police think their new system is better – we shall see! All we are receiving at the moment is a weekly bulletin covering the whole of Ward 23 (Allerton/Thornton) and just giving the barest of outlines of the crimes which have been committed. We need more than this so if you get the chance to speak to your local Councillor or MP just mention that you are concerned about this retrograde step.

Just one other thing to mention. The West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service offer a free 'Home Fire Safety Check'. It's brilliant – they came to my house recently, gave some very valuable advice and replaced two of my smoke alarms – all for nothing. If you want to take advantage of this please phone 0800 5874536 to book an appointment.

Lastly, now that we have turned the year, keep an eye open for the display of daffodils which will shortly be appearing in Stony Lane.

Our Neighbourhood Watch Group meets approximately every six weeks – if you are interested in joining us please contact John Rhodes at 49 Dalecroft Rise. (e-mail jprhodes@dsl.pipex.com)

John Rhodes, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



Reminiscences of Sandy Lane village

The Parish Council have recently purchased some recording equipment which will enable the Clerk and Parish Councillors to record the oral reminiscences of residents of the village. We believe that this would be a good way to involve all sections of the community in our activities, and for those with rich memories to share them with everyone.

Many many thanks to Mrs Charlesworth of Prune Park Lane who agreed to share her precious recollections:

- "Before Sandy Lane traffic lights were there, the chapel on Stony Lane was used for socials, dancing etc."
- "Below the Victoria pub, the old Coop building is now 'Diamond Cuts' hairdressers."
- "On the wall outside on the street hung a board for use of undertakers during the night."
- "Next to the Fish shop was a Butchers and Greengrocers (now 'Woolett Service'), owned by Harry Holmes."
- "Harry Holmes owned most of Sandy Lane, and he was known to us as the Squire."
- "On the opposite corner to the Butchers was the Post Office."
- "Opposite the Post Office was a Bakers and Confectioners' shop."
- "Below the school stood Sowden's Mill."
- "On the opposite side was my husband's joiners' workshop."
- "The houses were served by Asa Nicholson's calling twice per week, and a mobile greengrocers twice a week."
- "Milk was delivered from the farm behind our house, which we built in 1960/62 at 44 Florida Road."
- "Above and behind Florida Road were all fields."
- "'Plot night' was celebrated with a fire in the above field with the men looking after the kids, fireworks and potatoes, and women providing pies, parkin, etc. A truly social occasion."

Please contact the Parish Council Clerk on the contact details provided if you wish to share your memories of the area, or if you have any old photographs of Sandy Lane which you think others may wish to see.

Sandy Lane JFC Annual Club Dinner 2011
 4 course meal, prize draw, top sporting memorabilia auction and late bar
 With special guest, Leeds & Arsenal keeper **John Lukic**
 and former Premiership official **Kevin Lynch**
 PLUS Comedian Peter Emmett
Tickets £30
 Friday 11th March 2011 7.00pm at The Dubrovnik Hotel, Oak Avenue, Bradford.
 For further details please contact Dave Smith 01274 493585 or Ian Kay 07588 563596 www.sandylanejfc.org

Welcome to issue 7 of Sandy Lane Parish Council newsletter

In the past few months since the last newsletter, the Parish Council have as ever been busy working to provide residents of Sandy Lane with better facilities and hopefully have provided a representative voice of the community in all their actions.

We have held the community-enhancing Carols in the Park 2011, including the Christmas story, Christmas carols, fireworks, mulled wine, mince pies, gingerbread men and a torchlight procession (further information overleaf). In this event, the Parish Council endeavoured to encourage the community as a whole to join together for the benefit of all. We have also organised for the seat on Stony Lane to be re-fitted – this time in a correct upright position! (See Neighbourhood Watch article)

Parish Councillors

The current members of Sandy Lane Parish Council listed below will stand for re-election in May this year:

Derek Carver, Chair	01274 484488
Beverley Porter, Vice chair	01274 494462
Cllr Valerie Binney	01274 822732
Bob Dennison	01274 544862
Stewart Salter	01274 541583
Roy Sucksmith	01274 490835

Parish Council Clerk

Our Parish Council Clerk is Ms Eve Haskins, 40 Brantwood Crescent, Heaton, Bradford, BD9 6QD, Tel: 01274 408472, Email: evehaskins@googlemail.com. Please feel free to contact Eve with any suggestions or comments regarding the Parish Council.

Sandy Lane Parish Council website

Sandy Lane Parish Council are proud to announce their website, created as a community resource. This can be found at the following web address:

www.sandylaneparishcouncil.org.uk

We would like to this website to be a useful tool for all in the Sandy Lane area, and would love to hear from more local organisations and businesses to place them on our website. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk if you wish to be included, or if you wish for anything of local interest to be included in the next newsletter.

Bethel Baptist Church

Services this Easter season:

- Sunday - 3 April All Age Parade Service with Brownies and Guides 10:30am
- Sunday - 17 April Palm Sunday 10:30am
- Friday - 22 April Good Friday Meditations around the Cross 9am
- Sunday - 24 April Easter Sunday 10:30am

Easter Services at Sandy Lane Methodist Church

- Lent Communion Services 8.30am Each Saturday during Lent at Harecroft Methodist Church
- Easter Day Services 9.30am Service led by Martin Bashforth
- 11.00am Communion Service at Harecroft Methodist Church.

Carols in the Park 2010

Who would have thought it? The coldest night of the year, and it's 'Carols in the Park' again! No problem, though. The folk of Sandy Lane are a hardy bunch, and nothing was allowed to stop the event from happening.

The valiant crew worked through temperatures that fell to -8 degrees C to build the stage; members of The Wilsden Band travelled from far and wide through atrocious road conditions; our friendly electrician, John Gaunt, worked from 8.00am to re-fit lights to the Christmas tree; and volunteers from Sandy Lane Methodist Church, Advance Church Wilsden, and Sandy Lane Cricket Club, along with local residents, combined with one heart to set-up the food and drink gazebos, sound system and kitchen facilities.

This year's innovation was the children's candle-lit procession from Acacia Drive to Greenwood Park. It was a thrilling sight to behold, as well over a hundred children, and adults, came into view, slowly snaking down the footpath from Monterey Drive to the park. Candles flickered, torches shone, and hi-vis vests glowed as members of the Parish Council escorted everyone safely to the stage area, with the beautiful Christmas tree providing the perfect backdrop to the snow-covered scene.

The band played, the people sang, a rather impromptu Nativity was enacted (apologies for the less than perfect sound – blame the temperature!) and the children cracked and waved their glow sticks with glee. All topped-off with another fantastic firework display.

The weather, local vandals and poor directions given to the firework operatives all tried their best to disrupt this now annual celebration, but the hard work and determination of Parish Council members meant everything did eventually happen as planned. The tree was re-set to a vertical position, fresh lights were brought from the supplier, a replacement 4x4 vehicle and driver were found to pull the staging onto site, and the musicians' fingers and instruments kept warm enough to function!

Our thanks go to the group of volunteers willing to serve their local community by doing their bit. They planned, organised, set-up, warmed-up, hammed-it-up and eventually froze up - but it was worth it!

Thanks also to all the residents of Sandy Lane who contributed to our charity for the event, Woodward Court Amenity Fund for the elderly.

Derek Carver, Chair, Sandy Lane Parish Council



Despite the current economic situation, the Parish Council has managed to safeguard funding from its reserves for an even better celebration on Saturday 17th December 2011. Book the date now, and plan to join the organising committee in September!

Sandy Lane Cricket Club

Although the cricket season finished last September, the club has been working hard. In November, our junior coach, Matthew Dennison, attended the English Cricket Board, Level 2 course. In January he passed his assessments and exams. This is the first time the club has had a coach at this level. Congratulations to Matthew.

Funding

The club is pleased to announce that it has received a substantial grant from West Bradford Area Panel. This money will be used to help develop the juniors. So far we have used some of the funds on training Matthew, purchasing a portable net, and safety and training equipment.

Juniors

This year the under 15 juniors will be playing in the Upper Airedale Junior Cricket League. Hopefully we will be playing more local sides. We are also looking for new players. If you are interested you can contact our coach, Matthew, on 07824631107.

Indoor Nets

These are at Bradford and Bingley Cricket Club, Wagon Lane, Bingley. 8-9pm. All welcome.

NatWest Cricket Force Weekend

On the 9th & 10th April the club will be carrying repairs to the ground and pavilion. The club would welcome any help from the community. The aim is improve the facilities in the building and generally in the park.

Contact Details

For further information please contact our secretary, **John Hird, on 07904 949048.**



www.childrensmusicacademy.org/uk

cmaengland@gmail.com

Everyone loves music! Give a gift that will last a lifetime. You and your child are invited to attend a taster lesson for free with Children's Music Academy. CMA specializes in giving young children (age 4-8) a foundation in music through stories, movement, games, singing, and playing piano. Music tuition has been shown to increase confidence, cognitive development and memorisation skills, but your child will more likely notice the FUN, CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE!

Children learn piano, singing, harmony, rhythm, note reading and much more. Classes meet at Bethel Baptist Church. Some spaces available now. New groups begin in September.

Contact Allison for more information and ask about a free taster session on

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9th Bradford North Scout Group

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The 9th Bradford North Scout Group is based in Sandy Lane at the Methodist Church. We meet at church most weeks. However, in the summer months we tend to alternate between Sandy Lane and Blackhills Scout Campsite, just along the road down Lee Lane, or in Chellow Dean.

We have all 3 sections of the Scouts in the Group:

- Beavers, Cubs & Scouts.

Beavers are girls & boys aged from 6 to 8 years old. They meet on Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 7pm.

- Contact - **Emma Day 07818 828 082**

Cubs are girls & boys aged between 8 to 10½ years old. They also meet on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 8:15pm.

- We are in desperate need for help in running the Cubs and Scout section.
- Please contact **Phil Lowde, 07973 339 007**, if you can or you know someone who is able to help.

Scouts are girls & boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7pm to 8:30pm

- Contact - **Liz Whitaker 07875 413 270**

Since our last newsletter, we had a very busy autumn term, ending with a great carol service where we joined together with members from the local community, at Sandy Lane Methodist Church.

All sections are busy delivering a packed programme. Some of the highlights:

Beavers

- Planning celebrations for the Chinese New Year.
- A Badge day down at Blackhills at the end of February.
- Charity work for Save the Children and Children's Marathon Challenge.
- Easter Egg Hunt outdoors in April.
- A "Sleepover" is planned for the summer.

Cubs

- Concentrating on 3 main challenge awards – Global, Promise and Creative, plus badges.
- Planning to visit the Gang Show at Bingley Little Theatre in March.
- Egg Hunt with the Beavers in April.

Scouts

- We have invested 2 new Scouts halfway up a climbing wall!
- 15 "older" Scouts met for a weekend on the hills at Hag Dyke. Enjoying various walks with stunning clear days and snow covering the ground.
- Winter camp on 11 February at Blackhills.

One of our Scouts, Sophie, who is now an Explorer Scout, has been chosen to attend the World Jamboree in Sweden. We have a full programme of fund-raising activities in support of this once in a lifetime experience. Please support us in our money raising enterprises - Contact - Liz Whitaker on **07875 413 270**

The Duck Race late last year saw 500 ducks battle it out down Goitstock for the honours and the ducks raised over £500 for the Jamboree funds.

The Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club meet at Bethel Baptist Church every Tuesday, 2pm-3.30pm for social events. We try to consider the people who don't get out of the village easily, and to do something different for them. In the past few months our activities have included the following:

- A Christmas meal for 42 members at Five Rise Restaurant on 14th December 2010
- The Brotherhood Choir came to entertain us on 11th January this year
- A belated end-of-year party was held on 18th January (the original one in 2010 had to be cancelled due to the snow!)
- Bingo was enjoyed by all on 25th January
- Recipes were brought, baked and sampled by members on 1st February
- Everyone took part in a quiz on 8th February
- We were entertained by a talk by a retired policeman on 15th February
- We went for a lovely meal at the Sun Inn in Cottingley on 22nd February

Planned future activities include going to Millstones near Harrogate for a meal and entertainment on 22nd March.

If you are interested in joining our group, please ring me on the number below, or just turn up to our meetings. All welcome!

Sheila Wowk, Club Secretary Tel: 01274 492832



Sandy Lane Pre-School
(Registered charity PHR/1041143)

Offers education and care for children aged 2½-5 years by fully qualified permanent staff

Free places available to children over 3 years old

Morning sessions 9.00am-12.00am

Afternoon sessions 12.00pm-3.00pm

Full day care 9.00am-3.00pm available also

For more information contact:
Donna Marshallsay 01274 484400

Useful contact details for the Sandy Lane area:

Neighbourhood Policing Team:
Tel: 0845 6060606
Email: hanpt1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Hospitals:

Bradford Royal Infirmary: 01274 542200
Airedale General Hospital: 01535 65220
NHS Direct: 0845 46 47
Train service information: 08457 48 49 50

Bus service information: 0113 245 7676

Bradford Council: 01274 431000

All general enquiries, including refuse collection (bulky refuse items also) and street lighting

Many Bradford Council services are available online at www.bradford.gov.uk

Diamond Cuts Hairdressers: 01274 484455

Gary Hoyland Plumbing: 07914 381276

Ritz Hairdressers: 01274 773544

Royal Dragon Chinese T/way: 01274 773061

Prune Park Bar & Brasserie: 01274 483516

Shirbar Exclusive: 01274 546638

Victoria Pub: 01274 823820

Woollett Service: 01274 547399

Website www.woollett-service.com